

AN ACT

relating to certain eligibility requirements for issuance of a teaching certificate.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. The heading to Section 21.050, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 21.050. ACADEMIC DEGREE REQUIRED FOR TEACHING CERTIFICATE; FIELD-BASED EXPERIENCE OR INTERNSHIP.

SECTION 2. Sections 21.050(a) and (b), Education Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) A person who applies for a teaching certificate for which board rules require a bachelor's degree must possess a bachelor's degree received with an academic major or interdisciplinary academic major, including reading, ~~[other than education,]~~ that is related to the curriculum as prescribed under Subchapter A, Chapter 28.

(b) ~~[The board may not require more than 18 semester credit hours of education courses at the baccalaureate level for the granting of a teaching certificate.]~~ The board shall provide for a minimum number of semester credit hours of field-based experience or internship to be included in the credit hours needed for certification. The board may propose rules requiring additional credit hours for certification in bilingual education, English as a second language, early childhood education, or special education.

1 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
3 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
4 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
5 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 3217 was passed by the House on April 17, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 143, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 3217 was passed by the Senate on May 10, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor